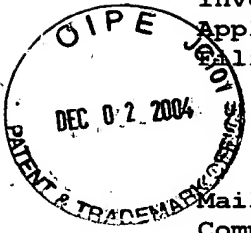


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November 29, 2004

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

**Sir:**

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.   X   Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 15, 2004.
2.        Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
3.   X   Enclosed is/are
- Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
- PTO-1449
- Copies of IDS Citations
- X   Other (identify):
- Petition For An Extension Of Time Of Two Additional  
Months, including a check in the amount of \$870.00 fee  
for the extension of time of two additional months.
4.        Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5.   X   A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed.

6.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

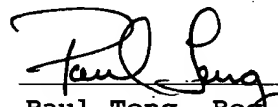
       RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

       Any extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

  X   Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

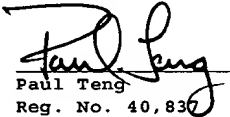
7.   X   Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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